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1. This communication is responsive to <u>amendment received</u>	<u>06 December 2004</u> .				
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are <u>11-14 and 16-20, 28-35</u> .					
3. The drawings filed on <u>17 September 2003</u> are accepted by	the Examiner.				
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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Tim Brisson on 18 February 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 11, line 13, after "feature" has been added --, wherein said at least one coupling member is configured to promote a sealed union between said first edging component and another edging component and another edging component, wherein a fluid tight union is formed containing fluid within said conduit and preventing fluid infiltration into said conduit--.

Claim 15 has been deleted.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art did not disclose or suggest a landscape edging system comprising a form including at least one conduit disposed in the form, at least one coupling member configured to promote a sealed union between a first edging component and another edging component, wherein a fluid tight union is formed containing fluid within the conduit and preventing fluid infiltration into the conduit; in combination with a first edging component having a body including a base, the base including first and second ends, upper and lower surfaces, and a

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plurality of sides forming a container in conjunction with the upper surface of the base; the form disposed on the upper surface of the base within the container; and, at least one coupling member configured to demountably couple with the first edging component proximate one of the ends and the coupling member having a sidewall with a mating portion disposed in the sidewall and an anchoring feature.

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Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Jeffrey L. Gellner whose phone number is 703.305.0053 (after 4 April 2005 use: 571.272.6887). The Examiner can normally be reached Monday through Thursday from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. The Examiner can also be reached on alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's Supervisor, Peter Poon, can be reached at 703.308.2574. The official fax telephone number for the Technology Center where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703.872.9306.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703.308.1113.

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